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MEMORANDUM FOR : Office of General Counsel

ATTENTION : [] Assistant
Legislative Counsel

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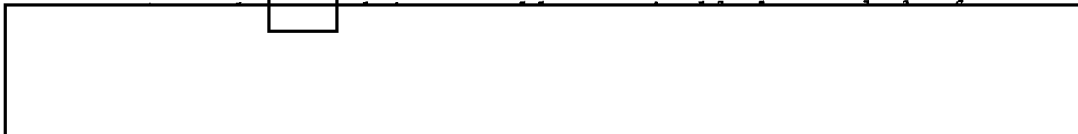
SUBJECT : Department of State Draft Legislative
Proposal to Amend the Missing
Persons Act to Include Coverage of
Aliens Employed by the United States
Government Outside the Continental
United States

REFERENCE : Memorandum for DDP from []
[] Assistant Legislative Counsel,
dated 10 December 1963

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1. The Department of State legislative proposals to amend the Missing Persons Act to include coverage of aliens employed by the United States Government outside the continental United States appear to pose more problems than they would solve.

2. Specifically, the retroactive provision (to 1945) would make us legally liable for many claims long since considered settled under existing Agency authority. It is estimated that



3. We are also concerned that knowledge of the legal authority provided by the amendments would enable employees or dependents to file claims which would reveal operationally sensitive contacts. In this respect we could also be legally bound to make continuing payments to dependents over a long period of time. It is not likely that the source of or reason for these payments could be long or securely protected.

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4. Finally, although we recognize our moral obligation to provide financial protection to the employee or his dependents, we believe this can be provided more securely under existing authority.



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